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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Missiles and Space Analysis
Center, DD/S&T

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SUBJECT: Conversation with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] regarding forthcoming
Russian Space Spectacular

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1. In a rather long discussion with [REDACTED] OSA Medical
Advisor, on 4 June - he having just recently returned from the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Italy - I mentioned to him that at a recent
DD/S&T staff meeting [REDACTED] had been quoted as having reported
that Professor [REDACTED] had left him, [REDACTED]
with the distinct impression that the Soviets were on the verge of
attempting a space spectacular which would include an attempt at orbital
rendezvous.

2. [REDACTED] said that he had not gotten this impression with
[REDACTED] and that in extended conversations with Professor [REDACTED]
and other Russian scientists at the Florida Aerospace Conference he had
the distinct impression that the Soviets would not attempt something
which represented such a relatively minor space triumph in terms of
their state of the art as a matching orbital rendezvous, but instead would
bide their time until they could achieve an order of magnitude triumph
something like three times as impressive as their longest manned orbit
to date. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] left him with the feeling that during
this interim period, when the Soviets might not be ready for extending
their manned space flight regime to say 15 or 20 days over a month, that
the Academy of Sciences was extremely interested in exploring with the
Americans subjects in which close US and USSR cooperation could be
achieved in space technology with the obvious aim of attempting to let
the U.S. spend the R&D money with the Russians siphoning off what they
need in the way of information.

3. [REDACTED] said he had never seen such wholesale and intensive
cultivation of Washington scientists by the Russians in his years of dealing

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25X1A with them on space matters. They reportedly unabashedly spoke out for the activation of exchange programs with the U.S. scientists in the field of space and are, apparently, anxious to cultivate any lead which would result in furtherance of their present aims. [REDACTED] said that for the first time in any international meeting with the Soviets he had the distinct impression that they were not only anxious to cooperate, but that they were being wholly frank and leveling about the state of their present art in the field of live support with which [REDACTED] is concerned, perhaps as bait for inducing future co-operation. This for what it is worth.

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